



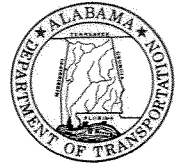
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MEMORANDUM 2007 - 06

To: All County Engineers and Division
County Transportation Engineers

From: D. E. Phillips, Jr., P.E.
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**RE: High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Program
Application Process (Updates)**

This memo is to inform you about the updates of submitting applications for the High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Program.

Sources for identification of project locations should come from crash history of roadways (CARE Data), sound engineering judgment and Alabama Road Inventory Database. Since this program is intended to fund safety improvements, crash data should be the primary data source for selecting candidate projects.

Each county is eligible to apply for \$66,670.00. The funds are a maximum 90% federal (\$60,000.00) and 10% local match (\$6,670.00). Any estimates over the eligible funds as well as all overruns will be applied to the local match and be the responsibility of the county.

All projects should be assigned a County Project Number and include it on the application.

All Force Account or Negotiated work will be allowed pursuant to justification of the project. Annual bids for materials to be used with the force account projects will be allowed. No annual in place county bids for striping, guardrail, etc., qualify for this program. Therefore, plan sets will be let through Sate Services. Plan assembly for HRRR projects should be held to a minimum. The plans should contain a minimum of a Title Sheet, Typical Section, Project Note, Summary of Quantities and Traffic Control Plan.

Since projects of this type should not require any right-of-way acquisition or major utility relocations, initiating paper work can be submitted with the plan assembly. If right-of-way acquisition is required, an environmental evaluation will be needed for the project to proceed.

Following is a list of supporting data needed for individual types of projects. This serves only as an example as further data may be needed.

Striping and Signing Project:

Resolution (Location Map)
Newspaper Advertisement

Guardrail Project:

Resolution (Location Map)
Newspaper Advertisement
Right-of-Way Certification

Shoulder Project:

Resolution (Location Map)
Newspaper Advertisement
NPDES Permit Certification (if required)
Right-of-Way Certification

All traffic striping projects shall utilize the new traffic striping specifications as outlined in Special Provision No. 06-0276(3). A copy of the provision can be located via ALDOT web site (www.dot.state.al.us). After the main web page is up begin by selecting Bureaus, then Construction. Look under "Specifications" and select 2006 Current General Application Special Provisions. Finally look for and select Special Provision No. 06-0276(3) to access.

The process for handling the striping testing for thickness, retroreflectivity, color and luminance factory, on County Projects, as outlined by the new specifications, is being discussed between the Chief Engineer's office and County Transportation Bureau. The intent is to have the Divisions to provide the testing. Once a decision on the matter is reached and finalized, notification will be provided to the Counties. Also, the Association of County Engineers is in the process of providing this office a request to reissue a wavier that allows the continued use of four-inch (4") striping, instead of six-inch (6"), for all county projects as outlined in Memorandum 2003 – 47, dated September 3, 2003. Notification will be provided upon approval.

All applications are due in the Division Office no later than Tuesday, May 1, 2007. The deadline for obligation of funds is September 30, 2007.

As with all Federal Projects, all data will come through this office for processing. If there are any questions about this program or you need additional information, please contact Mr. Brad Lindsey, P.E. at (334) 242-6728 or lindseyb@dot.state.al.us.

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